

### AMENDMENTS TO DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 6. These sheets, which include Figures 1, 2 and 6, replace the original sheets including Figures 1, 2 and 6. In Figures 1 and 6, the word "age" has been replaced with the word "aging."

### REMARKS

Further examination and reconsideration in view of the above amendments is respectfully requested. Claims 1-48 remain pending. Claims 1-48 are objected to. Claims 1, 19 and 34 are amended herein. No new matter has been added.

### DRAWINGS

Figures 1 and 6 are objected to for including the word "age" instead of the word "aging." The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figures 1 and 6. These sheets, which include Figures 1, 2 and 6, replace the original sheets including Figures 1, 2 and 6. In Figures 1 and 6, the word "age" has been replaced with the word "aging." Further correction to the drawings, including correcting the height of the lettering, will be submitted with the formal drawings, which will be submitted upon receipt of the Notice of Allowance.

### ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1-48 are allowable, but for the minor grammatical informalities of the independent claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the minor grammatical informalities have been corrected, and that the present application is thus in condition for allowance.

### CONCLUSION

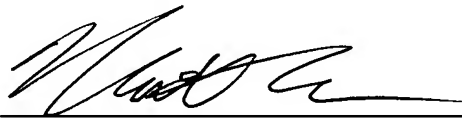
In light of the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims. Based on the arguments presented above, Applicant respectfully asserts

that Claims 1-48 overcome the objections of record and, therefore, Applicant respectfully solicits allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application. Please charge any additional fees or apply any credits to our PTO deposit account number: 23-0085.

Respectfully submitted,  
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